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#### TO THE SANTA CLARA WATER USERS

In 1991 the State Engineer issued an Order requiring Utah Power and Light to install measuring devices at several points along the transmission canals that supply its three hydropower plants on the Santa Clara River, to measure the flows at each point, and to report the measurement data to the Division of Water Rights.

For various reasons the flows were not measured and the data was not reported to the Division. In 2008, under authority of the 1991 Order, the Division required the power company to begin measuring the flows and reporting the data on a quarterly basis.

We now have flow measurement data along the canals for most of 2008 and 2009. We have analyzed the data and now have a clearer picture regarding the losses that are incurred in the transmission canals.

The transmission canals, the reservoirs (Upper and Lower Sand Cove Reservoirs) and the hydropower plants are major and long-standing aspects of the Santa Clara River Distribution System. Before determining a regulatory course of action concerning the hydropower diversions, the State Engineer would like to gather further information and public input.

Therefore, a public meeting will be held at the following time and place:

**6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010**

**Washington County Water Conservancy District Office**

**533 Waterworks Drive**

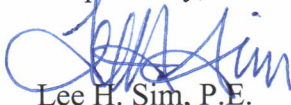
**St. George UT 84770**

The purpose of the meeting will be to present information related to the water losses in the power company transmission canals and to solicit public comment.

Please note that this meeting will be held directly after the regular annual Santa Clara River Distribution Meeting scheduled for the same day at 5:00pm. A separate notice is included with this mailing for that meeting.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me by phone at 801-538-7380 or by e-mail at [LeeSim@utah.gov](mailto:LeeSim@utah.gov) or Mike Silva, Distribution Engineer, by phone at 801-538-7430 or by e-mail at [MikeSilva@utah.gov](mailto:MikeSilva@utah.gov).

Respectfully,



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